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Survey a Testament to Teachers

The broad experience that our programmes provide at Selwyn House gives richness to a student's life at the School.

Here, each student is given the opportunity to participate in a class activity, to act responsibly towards his team, his group and his supervisors.

It takes talent and commitment to run our programmes so that students will engage positively in the experience being offered. We are exceptionally fortunate to have such talent and commitment among our faculty at Selwyn House.

William Mitchell, Headmaster

This was confirmed to us recently when we received the results of a very comprehensive Alumni Satisfaction Survey we commissioned this year by the firm Lookout Management.

The survey shows clearly that our graduates value the thorough academic preparation they received here — how to think, how to write, how to do a proof in mathematics, how to manage their time, how to work hard and work independently.

There is no doubt that these are skills our students need after they leave Selwyn House.

However, when asked what aspect of their Selwyn House education gave them the greatest satisfaction, our alumni said it was the enriching experiences of the co-curricular, athletics and extra-curricular activities.

The alumni also confirmed overwhelmingly that the reason that these experiences did engage and challenge them positively was the high level of teaching skills and the commitment of our faculty.

Such feedback is, of course, very encouraging. We will use this data to help us enhance and adjust our programmes where necessary, as we plan for the future. As well, we will report on the conclusions of the survey more comprehensively in future communications.

Coming Events

Early August	August Mailing
Aug. 13-17	Back-to-School Basketball Camp
Aug. 20-28	Football Camp
Aug. 22-23	Gryphon Sale (noon-4 pm)
Aug. 22-23	Argyle Shop Sale (noon-4 pm)
Aug. 22	School Supplies (pick-up of orders)
Aug. 29	Orientation Day
Aug. 29	New Parent Orientation and Coffee
Aug. 30	First Day of Classes
Aug. 30	Fall Event meeting
Aug. 30-31	Round Hearth - Middle School
Sept. 3	Labour Day - No School

The Argyle Shop Sale

Don't forget!

August 22 and 23

Noon till 4 p.m.

Have a great Summer!

Senior Prizegiving Ceremony

June 19, 2001

In his Prizegiving message to the Class of 2001, the guest speaker, McGill Law Professor Stephen J. Toope spoke about the feelings of uncertainty or fear graduates face at this juncture in their lives.

"There is nothing wrong with a little bit of fear," Prof. Toope said. "Fear is a natural reaction in the face of danger, and even of seemingly incomprehensible complexity.... It may be right to fear the moral choices forced upon us in life: when to spare someone from a hurtful truth, when to tell the truth at all costs.

"I believe that healthy fear incorporates a modicum of self-doubt," Prof. Toope continued. "Overweening self-confidence is a liability... it is almost inevitably matched by a closed spirit. The person who is utterly confident is not inclined to learn from others... he or she is unlikely to be good at sharing.

Thomas Constantinescu

"One needs both confidence and critical self-reflection," Prof. Toope said. He concluded by paraphrasing African poet Ben Okri, exhorting each graduate to "make destiny your friend."

"Our gratitude to our parents for exposing us to this Selwyn community is boundless," said Head Prefect Thomas Constantinescu in his valedictory speech. "A group of dedicated people that have played a much larger role in our lives than we realise now are our teachers.

"We are so preoccupied with what we do, that we seldom stop to reflect on or enjoy the essence of our activities," Mr. Constantinescu continued. "It's probably hard to realise what it means...not to be back next fall.

"But, all of us will carry in his trip through life the beautiful armour of education and character with which this great school has invested us."

GENERAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Grade 7
1st, Stefan Luu; 2nd, Christopher Wong; 3rd, Mani Alaei
Grade 8
1st, William Martin-Chin; 2nd, Shawn Etrunza; 3rd, Justin Tan
Grade 9
1st, Michael Woloszyk; 2nd, Jaryd Zummer; 3rd, Scott McMurray
Grade 10
1st, James McKinney; 2nd, Rob Campbell; 3rd, Keith Martin

DISTINCTION AWARDS

CHEMISTRY – Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas
PHYSICS – Daniel Wilner
BIOLOGY – Rob Campbell & Andy Rosenhek
CREATIVE WRITING – Adrian Gaty & Luke Reid
ECONOMICS – Daniel Wilner
GEOGRAPHY – Stephane Levy
COMPUTER SCIENCE – Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas
MASSI PRIZE FOR EFFORT – Christopher Merritt
FRENCH
Langue Maternelle – Thomas Constantinescu & Daniel Wilner
Langue Enrichie – Adam Rozencwajg
Langue Regulière – Jonas Naimark
THE MC CALL PRIZE FOR ART – Mitchell Sweibel
THE MOODEY PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS – Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas
THE D. W. CHRISTIE HISTORY PRIZE – Adrian Gaty & Daniel Wilner
THE BYRON W. HARKER PRIZE FOR LITERATURE – Adrian Gaty & Daniel Wilner
THE GENERAL CONSULATE OF SPAIN PRIZE FOR SPANISH – Nicholas Niro & Jaryd Zummer

Daniel Wilner (left) and Adrian Gaty share the Lucas Medal, presented by Prof. Toope

Senior Prizegiving

SPECIAL AWARDS

THE SELWYN HOUSE CHRONICLE CUP – Philip Clarke
THE MEIGHEN WRITING PRIZE – David Smucker
THE PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE – Adrian Gaty, Luke Reid & Daniel Wilner
THE E. C. MOODEY DEBATING PRIZE – Luke Reid & Daniel Wilner
THE PATRICIA MARCH DRAMA PRIZE – Daniel Wilner
THE E. G. BRINE AWARD – Stefan Luu
THE JOCK BARCLAY MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR ALL-ROUND DISTINCTION IN GRADE 8 – Justin Tan & William Martin-Chin
THE PHILIP QUAID MEMORIAL PRIZE – Dylan Jones
THE ERNST BRANDL MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR ALL-ROUND DISTINCTION IN GRADE 9 – Jaryd Zummer
THE ROBERT A. SPEIRS MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR ALL-ROUND DISTINCTION IN GRADE 10 – Rob Campbell
THE GRADE 10 AWARD – Arnold Engel
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD – Stephen Frankel
THE THOMAS HENRY PENTLAND MOLSON PRIZE FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE – Adrian Gaty
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S BRONZE MEDAL – Daniel Wilner
THE YMCA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – Andrew Sniderman
THE MILLENNIUM PRIZE (Donated by the Class of 1999) – Rayan Kaedbey
THE REDPATH HERALD AWARD – Ms. Kathi Biggs for the Public Speaking Programme
THE THOMAS CHALMERS BRAINERD MEMORIAL AWARD – Jon-Ian Lui & Luke Reid
THE JEFFREY RUSSEL PRIZE – Thomas Constantinescu
THE LUCAS MEMORIAL MEDAL – Adrian Gaty & Daniel Wilner

PHOTO BELOW
Prize winners, clockwise from lower left: Stefan Luu, William Martin-Chin, Dylan Jones, Arnold Engel, Andy Rosenhek, Jaryd Zummer, Keith Martin, Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas, Tom Constantinescu, Adrian Gaty, Christopher Merritt, Daniel Wilner, Andrew Sniderman, Luke Reid, Rayan Kaedbey, Adam Rozencwajg, Jon-Ian Lui, James McKinney, Nicholas Niro, David Smucker, Justin Tan and Shawn Errunza.

Seniors present A Flea in Her Ear

By Alex Ivanovici, Drama Teacher

As usual, when spring rolls around, so do we. On April 19th the Senior Veritas Players opened Georges Feydeau's farce *A Flea in Her Ear* in the Lucas Theatre for a three-night run.

With a relatively short rehearsal process, the fine young Selwyn House, Study and FACE actors staged what I would call a truly remarkable production of this very funny play. With the support of professionals Robin Paterson's set and lighting, Heidi Van Reagan's costumes, Amy McLaughlin's props and Virginia Ferguson's make-up specialists, how could these young thespians put forward anything less than polished and professional performances?

A farce requires precision, pace, energy and timing; I am proud of their overall commitment to mastering these notions and the pleasure they took in sharing their hard work with an audience.

Here are some student reviews of the production:

"I think that the play *A Flea in Her Ear* is well constructed. I didn't notice any mistakes in the entire presentation. I think that is pretty amazing considering it was a three-hour play. It was well

Above, the entire cast on stage. Below, Etienne, played by James McKinney, is startled to happen upon an amourous encounter between Antoinette (Kate Fletcher) and Camille (Adam Cieply).

A Flea in Her Ear

acted, with perfect timing and a clever story line. I can't even imagine how long it took to rehearse, or how cooperative the cast members must have had to be. I give the play two thumbs up. It went beyond my expectations."

David Friedman
Grade 7

"To look at the set is to look at perfection. The play was performed on a beautiful stage, meticulously detailed with paint and working doors and window. A moving staircase was even used on the stage and made the set look almost perfect. The floor of the set was assembled in pieces, not unlike a jigsaw puzzle, and later painted in the desired colors to resemble a hardwood floor."

Philip Clark
Grade 7

Above, Carlos (Chris Rochon) is about to disturb a conversation between Lucienne (Allison Kampf) and Raymonde (Chaya Litvack). At left, a dramatic exchange between Raymonde and Romain Tournel (Adam Sternthal). Below Arnold Engel (on left) as Dr. Finache, with Daniel Wilner as Victor-Emmanuel Chandebise.

The Science of Communication

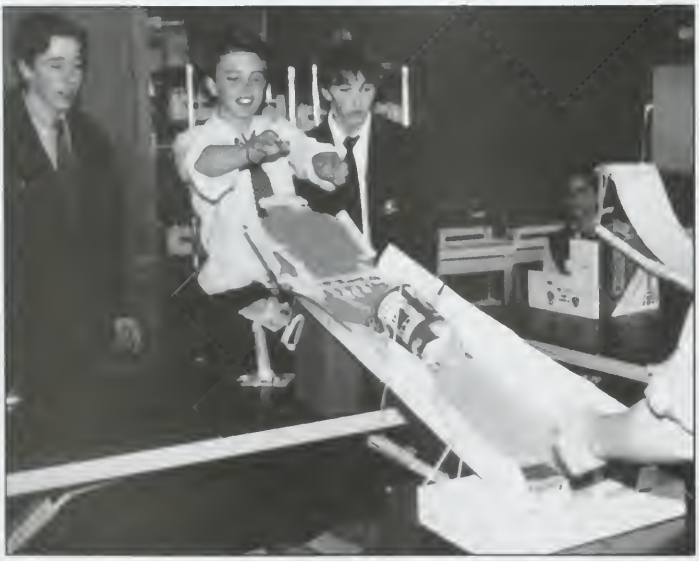
By Sherwin Kong, 10C

On April 20th, a mysterious project began for most Grade 10 students at Selwyn House with nothing more than a cryptic description of a group competition organized with ECS, which, up to this point, we had simply been told had something to do with robotics and communications.

Of course, the anticipation and suspense had been building up ("Whoa, there are gonna be girls here!"), even though it might not have been immediately apparent speaking with students ("They're making us do *what* now?"). We were quickly divided into three teams and separated into the three science labs for more information. There, each team was further subdivided into three sub-teams that would handle separate aspects of the project.

ECS student Kassandra Lazanis and Sherwin Kong coordinate their team's activities and communications.

It was explained to us that each team had two hours to construct a bridge, a propulsion system and a vehicle capable of carrying an egg across a one-meter span without breaking it. Each sub-team was assigned a task: either building the bridge, designing a propulsion system, or constructing the vehicle, all from assorted pieces of toys, popsicle sticks, and all sorts of general junk that were provided. The three sub-teams were kept separate from one another, able to communicate only through each team's two facilitators – brave students who accepted the task of making sure everything ran smoothly. Operating from a separate room, these people communicated with their teammates by means of laptop computers that enabled them to speak, type, draw, and be seen by their sub-teams. Thus, only a team that could communicate effectively in order to coordinate bridge, propulsion, and vehicle would perform well.



From left, Grade 10 students John Scalia, Taylor Dixon, and Adam Sternthal launch their vehicle across an inclined bridge.

After lunch, we began the actual building of our different parts. To describe the progress of the teams would be both long-winded and complicated, so suffice it to say that all three teams ended the day with all their parts ready, with two of them attaining the objective. The third team's vehicle managed to wipe out in style.

As one of some forty-six students participating at the competition that day, I would have to say that I had a lot of fun and that I might have learned something about teamwork and communication. Or maybe I just learned in detail what happens to an egg that hits the floor… I will conclude by saying that, all in all, the endeavor was a rousing success ("Alright! Girls!")

Jazz Stormers excel at Classical

By Richard Wills, Editor

Two star members of the Selwyn House Senior Jazz Band have received special recognition for their musical accomplishments outside the School.

Clarinetist Thomas Evans, 11A, won the McGill Conservatory Concerto Competition (Advanced Category) in March. This competition is open to all students who, like Tom, are studying at the Conservatory, and resulted in an invitation to perform the Weber Clarinet Concerto No. 1 at Pollack Hall on May 23 as a soloist with the West Island Youth Orchestra. Tom also won the Westmount Youth Orchestra's Concerto Competition in March, and will perform as a soloist with the Orchestra next season.

Tom Evans on stage with Jazz Storm

Philipp Menzel, also 11A, who plays electric bass in the SHS Jazz Band, has been studying classical cello for fourteen years. He recently had the distinction of being the only North American cellist to take part in a competition in Germany, where he advanced to the second round against players who had been practising five hours a day since they were three years old. "They have a different lifestyle, and a different way of judging," says Philipp. "They study music to get out of the Eastern Bloc countries. Their only way out is to play really well, so they have no social life, practically."

Tom has been playing clarinet for seven years. Although he obviously excels at classical music, it was at Selwyn House that he discovered his true calling on the instrument. "I'm a jazz clarinetist at heart," he admits, "I especially love ballad-type jazz.

"I really got involved in jazz at Selwyn House," says Tom. "Mr. McMillan does such a good job of choosing and arranging music for an odd combination of instruments—four guitars, four keyboards, two drummers, two bassists and a flute and clarinet—as well as balancing a variety of musical styles. He taught us the fundamentals of jazz and how to improvise, which is an incredible task to pull off with a bunch of Grade 7 musicians."

Philipp Menzel with the Westmount Youth Orchestra

Jazz Storm is known for playing an eclectic repertoire that includes pop and rock numbers as well as standard jazz tunes. "In the band we used to play 'Born to be Wild,'" says Tom, "and I played it on clarinet, which sounds like kind of a weird thing to do."

"But," adds Philipp, " Mr. McMillan can take any part and transpose it and mix it around to make something for any instrument."

"I think it's important that we are surrounded by such mentors," says Tom. "It helps us so much that we have had people to encourage us. That's probably one of the biggest things that drives us."

As part of his private training, Philipp is now in the process of learning one of the most difficult pieces ever written for cello. His skills on that instrument gave him a head start in his musical involvement at Selwyn House. When the SHS Jazz band needed a bass player, Philipp easily made the transition. He had come through the School's band classes on trombone, and was also familiar with the sounds and rhythms of jazz, so it was easy for him to switch to electric bass.

As a sideline, these two musicians wrote the score for this year's SHS Senior Play, *A Flea in Her Ear*, and performed the music backstage—in Philipp's case, between scenes on stage as an actor.

Like most young men, Tom and Philipp are avid music fans. Perhaps because of the exposure their training has offered them, their tastes in music are varied. Tom says he listens to everything from African music to Miles Davis, to rock bands like Offspring and Nirvana.

Next year, Philipp will pursue a full academic programme plus a full musical programme at Interlochen, a Fine Arts school in Michigan that sends many of its graduates to Juilliard.

Tom has been accepted into the Music Science program at Marianopolis, where he will pursue a double DEC in Music and Architecture. He says he is still undecided about pursuing a career in music. "The reason I'm doing this double DEC at Marianopolis is because

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Senior Debating, 2000-2001

By Lynn Mastellotto, Senior English / Debating

This has been an active year for the Selwyn House Debaters. Our teams, a mix of veterans and newcomers, worked hard, had fun, and enjoyed fine results this season.

Returning to senior debating in a leadership role were Eric Aberman, Sam Grover, Alan Murgita, and Anish Patel. Moonlighting as senior debaters were Adrian Gaty, Stephane Levy, Luke Reid, and Daniel Wilner, whose experience and expertise shone in every round. Novices who gained much experience, and even a few accolades, included Mike Shadeed, Sean Bernstein, Daniel Budd, Sam Fish, Luigi Caprio and Thomas Rigby. Daniel Palardy, William Martin-Chin, Charles Ayas, and Moses Tannenbaum demonstrated much skill in Parliamentary, Academic and Cross-Ex debating styles at the Junior level.

Highlights from the 2000-2001 Debating Season:

• Daniel Wilner placed eighth overall in the individual speaker category at the McGill University Debating Tournament in November, where 180 debaters were in attendance.

• Sam Grover and Eric Aberman won second place out of 23 teams at the Marianopolis Debating Tournament in November, defending their first-place finish of last year.

• The team of Luke Reid and Adrian Gaty placed fourth out of 30 teams at the QSDA Senior Provincial Tournament at LCC in February, where Luke also earned a fifth-place individual speaker award.

• The team of Daniel Wilner and Luke Reid placed sixth out of 40 teams participating in the Queen's University Debating Tournament in March. In the individual speaker category, Daniel won eighth place and Luke won ninth place.

• The team of Stephane Levy and Adrian Gaty placed 17th out of 38 teams at the University of Toronto Debating Tournament in March.

• Moses Tannenbaum and Charles Ayas placed 13th out of 28 teams at the QSDA Junior Provincial Tournament at ECS in April.

• The team of William Martin-Chin and Daniel Palardy placed 14th out of 28 teams at the QSDA Junior Provincial Tournament at ECS in April.

Many thanks to Jill Rollins who taught and coached the Junior Debaters. Thank you to all the students, staff, and parent volunteers who helped run the QSDA Senior Pre-Provincial Tournament here at SHS in January. Lastly, a special thanks to Liana Palko, debating coach and guru-in-absentia.

Math scores soar

On February 22, all Grade 9, 10, and 11 students wrote the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests, respectively, set by the University of Waterloo. In the Pascal Contest, the three top results in the School were achieved by Scott McMurray, Jeffrey Barkun and Daniel Budd. Our aggregate team score of 335 placed us 14th out of 115 schools in Quebec. Scott's score of 134 out of 150 placed him on the Honour Roll for Quebec.

Rob Campbell

In the Cayley Contest, Rob Campbell, Bobby Chon and James McKinney placed sixth out of 125 teams in Quebec. Along with them, Jason Chung, Andy Rosenhek and Keith Martin also placed on the Honour Roll.

Steven Frankel, Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas and Daniel Wilner were the highest-scoring threesome among Grade 11s, placing 19th out of 120 Quebec schools. Steven and Ilia made the Quebec Honour Roll.

Based on his outstanding performance in all these contests, Rob Campbell, is one of 200 students invited to take part in a higher level of competition. He did so well that he was invited to the University of Waterloo Math Contest Seminar June 10-16, and by the Canadian Mathematical Society to the ESSO 2001 National Mathematics Camp at Huron College in London, Ontario, the following week.

Evans & Menzel

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I'm really not sure. I want to be an architect. I love music. It's never going to leave me, ever. But I'm not sure if I'm going to become a professional musician."

Although he is not certain he will make music his vocation, if he were to, Tom would like to do as his clarinet teachet does, and work as a freelancer. But, he admits, "If your name's not well known, it would be very hard to find work."

Whatever career paths they follow, however, both boys were adamant about one thing: that music will remain an integral part of their lives always.

"Music is a way of life," says Tom.

Brian Walker riding high

By Richard Wills, Editor

While most Selwyn House students are ducking the cold and jumping over snowdrifts in Montreal, Brian Walker, 11B, spends his winters in Florida, vaulting over wooden rails on horseback.

Sounds like the easy life, but it's actually part of an intensive programme of training and academics that has allowed Brian to become ranked as the top Canadian Equestrian Show Jumper under eighteen years of age.

Brian grew up around horses, and began riding on his grandparents' farm in St. Lazare before he was two years old. From his mother and uncle he inherited an interest in Show Jumping, and has been competing since age five. For the past two years, his involvement has grown to become a year-round activity that keeps him on the road much of the time.

Nowadays his competition schedule takes him up and down the eastern seaboard, from Toronto to Florida, where his home base is at a training camp just outside West Palm Beach. From Christmas until Easter, he joins some 500 other young riders there for training and competition; then, for most of the summer, he is on the road to other Equestrian events.

Each fall the Equestrian season winds up with four consecutive weeks of prestige competitions in the US and Canada.

"It's a very fast-paced lifestyle, but I like it," he says. "It does get kind of boring living out of hotels and condos, but it's fun."

Brian Walker in action. Photo by J.L. Parker

On a typical day in Florida, he will be up at 5:30 a.m. and not finished riding until 7 or 8 p.m. His academic classes are sandwiched in between his riding sessions, with tutors helping him keep up with course material his fellow students are covering back home in Westmount.

"It teaches you so much responsibility, and it has really taught me how to manage my time," he says of his hectic schedule.

Selwyn House e-mails and faxes down Brian's assignments, and his tutor helps him organize his studies.

"It's a busy schedule," he admits, "but if you do it well it's really rewarding."

But it doesn't leave him much time for enjoying the things that Canadians flock to Florida for. "I saw the beach maybe once this winter," he says.

The rigours of his schedule may also help Brian learn to keep focused when he rides. "Mental preparation is essential to most riders," he says. "Any little mistake can cost you thousands of dollars in prize money."

"Horses don't want to knock the jumps down—it's the riders making errors. Mental preparation helps you avoid this. The jumps come up so quickly when you're in the ring you don't have time to think—you just react by your instincts."

Even though he's just graduating from high school, Brian's career is already in full swing. He says that, so far, one of his proudest moments was at the Young Riders' Championship in Florida, where he placed sixth and his team took second place.

Two years ago he won both the Canadian Equestrian Team Medal and the Canadian Equestrian Federation Medal at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, a feat that has only been accomplished by one other rider.

Brian's next big competition will be this summer at the North American Young Riders' Championships in Chicago. In the long term, his sights are set on qualifying for next summer's World Championships in Europe (Equestrian Show Jumping is the second-most-popular sport in Europe), The World Cup Final sometime in the near future, and, of course, the Canadian Olympic team in time for the 2004 games in Greece.

"I'd like to make that team and see what I can do."

Middle School Science Awards

By Joseph Stonehouse, 8B

Back row, from left: Justin Tan, 8B, teacher Dean Phillips, Nick Cronin, 8A, Philip Clark, 7A, Michael Sutton, 7A, and teacher George Ladd. Front row: Michael Bowey, 8B, Aaron Besner, 7C, Mani Alaei, 7C, Nicholas Schouela, 7B, James Coulton, 7B, and Jonathan Lutter-Hoppenheim, 8A.

Science is one of the most interesting subjects that one could learn about here at Selwyn House. We, the students, learn about many different parts of science through different activities. One of these is the annual Science Fair.

The Middle School Science Fair gives all students in Grades 7 and 8 the chance to pursue any part of science through experimentation. The projects can range from astrology to zoology, as long as the student establishes the project around an experiment. In mid-January, every student must present his project to judges, peers, and the public, and the winners are allowed to participate in the Regional Science Fair.

This year's winners were: Jordan Benjamin and Michael Bowey, with their project, "To Hover or Not to Hover?" They received the Concordia University Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and a cash prize.

Justin Tan, with his project, "Do Gas Stations Affect the Soil Around Them?" won the Concordia University Science College Award, which also includes a cash prize.

During the first three days of April, eight projects represented Selwyn House in competition against other Montreal schools in the Bell Montreal Regional Science Fair, held at John Abbott College in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. We competed amongst the best projects from Montreal. This was an enjoyable time for all that participated.

On Monday, April 2, five judges, who were professionals in their scientific fields, reviewed the projects. This was a great learning experience, as some of these judges were university professors who taught us more about our projects

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Middle School Math Competition

The Gauss Mathematics Competition was written by all Grade 7 and 8 students in May. The School does not have all the results as this issue of *The Parents' Newsletter* goes to press, but we do know that Shawn Errunza and Sun Jun Bae placed first among Selwyn House boys in Grades 7 and 8, respectively, and that they're to be congratulated for their performance. In the photo at left, Errunza (centre) and Bae are seen receiving their certificates from Math teacher Andrew Lumsden.

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by using their considerable experience. Once the judging was over, we presented our projects to the public. During this period it seemed as if thousands of people had walked through the John Abbott gymnasium. This was another time when people could tell you more about your project, but in a less critical way than a judge would. This was probably my favourite time of the Fair, as I could explain my project with less stress than to a judge.

The next day we had even more people come to see our projects. As the people and the time passed, the awards ceremony slowly approached. This would be when we could find out how we did against the 179 other projects.

At the awards ceremony, there was a very special guest speaker. Mr. Dave Williams of NASA talked to us about his journey from his childhood home in the West Island, all the way to outer space. He talked in depth about his accomplishments and his trip in the space shuttle. With this speech there was a movie depicting Mr. Williams' and his fellow crew members' journey in orbit around the Earth. He was a wonderful speaker, and gave one of the most interesting and enjoyable speeches I have ever heard.

After his speech, the awards! There were various levels of awards, including honourable mention, bronze, silver, and gold medals. There were also awards for various accomplishments. The overall winner was also given the chance to see the next shuttle launch at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Selwyn House did very well, receiving one bronze, three silver, and two gold medals. The two gold-medal winners also received cash prizes.

After the ceremonies, we went home to contemplate all that had happened during these three days that we will never forget. Good luck to all of next year's Middle School students, and let's hope that those who go on to the Regional Science Fair have as much of an enjoyable time as we did this year.

Maternelle Graduation

On June 7, thirty-one Maternelle students donned their hand-made mortarboards and gathered before a crowd of proud parents and grandparents to receive their diplomas for completing their first year at Selwyn House. The programme also included a slide show of the boys' year of activities, a song for the audience, and a recitation of "À la maternelle, j'ai aimé...."

Receiving their diplomas: above left, David Dupont receives a diploma from Elementary Director Carol Manning while Kindergarten teachers Valérie Samson and Norma Workman look on; above right, Nicholas Salbaing receives his diploma while Teacher Claudine Martel looks on; below left, Philippe Brock, with Headmaster Will Mitchell looking on; below right, Jean-Christophe Azzopardi.

Grade 6 Graduation

Grade 6B teacher Evi Pachis with Philip Tsoukas and Kyle Burrows, winners of the Grade 6 Award for Merit.

Grade 6 teachers Jean Pruneau and Evi Pachis with Robert Abelson, 6A, and Gavin Kenneally, 6B, winners of the Alain Weber Prize for most improvment in French.

The 2001 Elementary Prizegiving ceremony included a special performance by the Elementary Choir, book presentations to the Library, and a year-in-review video that wrapped up with a hilarious send-off for Ms. Carol Manning, who is stepping aside from her double duties as Elementary and Middle School Head to concentrate on Middle School only. Without a doubt, however, the speech by Robert Hinrichsen was an impressive performance by a Grade 6 grad.

The following is an excerpt from Robert's speech.

"Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Manning, parents, teachers and fellow classmates, I am very proud to be representing the Grade 6 class at Selwyn House on this occasion when we all graduate from our Elementary School years and enter the new challenges of the Middle School.

"I, with some others in Grade 6, were fortunate to begin our careers at Selwyn House when the *Maternelle* program was only in its second year. Climbing the steep stairs to *Maternelle* on my first day seemed a great obstacle, but I now realize that the intellectual challenges offered by the school are even more difficult to climb, but well worth the effort.

"Well, in our voyage through the Elementary School we have passed many ports, had many navigators to guide us, and even gone to the locks at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, lifejacket and all. We have learned many things, about knights and mediaeval castles, ancient Egypt, explorers, insects, Olympic athletes, and Canadian history, and have become proficient in two languages.

Robert Hinrichsen

"Now we set off on a new adventure through Middle School but, fortunately for us, our Captain, Ms. Manning, will still be with us to chart our course. The Admiral, Mr. Mitchell, who has to look after all his ships and guide us into the future, is planning new buildings and facilities for the School and we, who will be the beneficiaries, eagerly anticipate their completion.

"My dad told me that, although the school motto 'Veritas' means 'truth,' in these days of acronyms it really stands for 'Very Enthusiastic Really Intelligent Teachers And Students,' and I think the Elementary School proves him right. As we bid *adieu* to the Elementary School which has given us such fond memories and a sound foundation for our future studies, I propose a rousing round of applause for all our teachers, faculty members, support staff and all the parent volunteers who all made our voyage so rewarding! Thank you."

Track and Field Day

Scenes from the Elementary Track and Field Day, held at Westmount High School May 18. At left, a close finish by Jeremy Say, Charles-Edouard Bonaldo-Bourque, Mark Sadaka, and Stephen Tsoukas. Below left, Geoffrey Matheson all alone near the finish line. Bottom right, Yasin Cissé lets go in the softball throw.

Track and Field Day

At left, Anthony-Alain Matte makes a spare in the bowling event. Above, Eric-James Boffey and Alexandre Ferland pair off during the sack race. Below, Stefan Papich clears the high-jump bar.

Band Awards for December 2000

	A	B
Kindergarten		
• Influence positive sur la classe	Charles Fisher	Leonardo Lamanuzzi
• Progrès remarquables en français	Andrew Lowther	Kevin Ward
• Curiosité intellectuelle	Edouard Charlebois	Jean-Christophe Azzopardi
Grade 1	A	B
• Positive influence within the class	Cairn Tse-Lalonde	Joey Wan
• Intellectual curiosity	Wesley Long	Nuvnish Beejan
Grade 2	A	B
• Positive influence within the class	Willem Le Duc	Christopher Sarlos
• Intellectual curiosity	Brendan Keefe	Christian Buchanan
Grade 3	A	B
• Positive attitude and commitment to learning	Nicolas Buteau	Marco Melnychuk
	Fred Pfünd	
• Responsible attitude towards himself and others	Joshua Hanek	Anton Schlemm
	Jesse Graff	John Lamont
Grade 4	A	B
• Positive attitude and commitment to learning	Gordon Paterson	Marc Heron
	Jeffrey Lo	Ryan Brun
	James Shannon	Nicolas Vendeville
• Responsible attitude towards himself and others	Michael Bibeau	Bryan Gorski
	Philippe Garneau-Halliday	Philip Vineberg
	Louis Gervais	Robert Carle
Grade 5	A	B
• Esprit de coopération	Andrew Fitzpatrick	Charles Roy-Rozon
	Alex Mayer	James Rossy
	William MacCulloch	
• Progrès remarquables en français	Armando Cabba	Edouard Ducharme
	Derek Hallward	Dylan Brophy
	Jean-Nicolas Giroux	Georges Greiche
• Attitude positive face à l'apprentissage	Olivier Laroche	Geoffrey Grover
	Jean-Nicolas Giroux	Karan Chhatwal
Grade 6	Mark Mettler-Warner	
• Esprit de coopération	A	B
	Robert Hinrichsen	Jonas Briedis
	Waseem Haja	Rehman Manji
• Progrès remarquables en français	Charles-Edouard Bonaldo-Bourque	
	not awarded	Julian Shapiro
		James Duffy
• Attitude positive face à l'apprentissage		Kyle Burrows
	Robert Abelson	Wynnyn Chan
	Mark Sadaka	Vincent Hodder
		Daniel Janusauskas

Foire historique régionale

Par Evi Pachis, professeur de la sixième

L'histoire n'a pas sa vie autonome. Elle a besoin de la mémoire d'au moins une personne. Sa vie et sa vitalité sont dépendantes de nous. — Tiré d'un discours prononcé par le très honorable Antonio Lamer.

C'est dans cet esprit de faire revivre notre histoire canadienne que la deuxième foire historique régionale s'est tenue à Lower Canada College le vendredi 11 mai dernier. Cette foire historique est le résultat de l'implication du musée McCord et la fondation Historica. Cette fondation à but non-lucratif vise à amener les Canadiens à approfondir leur connaissance de l'histoire et à reconnaître son importance pour l'avenir. Le programme «Fêtes du patrimoine» est une initiative éducative qui offre aux élèves partout au Canada la possibilité d'explorer divers aspects de leur patrimoine en travaillant à un projet et en le présentant à une foire régionale, et possiblement à une foire nationale. À l'événement montréalais, près de 100 élèves de la quatrième à la neuvième année des écoles The Study, The Priory, LCC, Villa Maria, Sacred Heart, Trafalgar et Selwyn House ont présenté 61 projets sur des sujets aussi variés que les Amérindiens, Maurice Richard, la déportation des Acadiens, Jacques Cartier, l'ourson Winnie et la forteresse de Louisbourg.

Gavin Kenneally, Laurier LaPierre, orateur invité au cocktail et Mme Pachis.

Treize élèves de la sixième et un élève de la cinquième ont participé à cet événement. À la suite de notre foire historique interne en mars, à laquelle tous les élèves de la sixième ont participé, Jonas Briedis, Kyle Burrows, Nicolas Congram, Ryland Diome,Vincent Hodder, Marc Minogue, David Oliver, Fabrizio Pantalone, Samer Sallman ont été nos «ambassadeurs de l'histoire» à la foire régionale. Charles-Édouard Bonaldo-Bourque, Wassem Haja, Robert Hinrichsen, Gavin Kenneally et Stephen Tsoukas ont également participé et ils ont mérité une mention d'honneur pour leurs projets particulièrement riches.

Pendant la fin de semaine suivant la foire, quelques participants, dont Gavin Kenneally, ont exposé leur projet au musée McCord. Le lundi suivant, M. John E. Cleghorn '57, vice-président d'Historica, a accueilli quelques élèves (dont Gavin) et membres de la fondation au 41e étage la Place Ville-Marie pour un cocktail. Gavin a été un excellent représentant de Selwyn House en présentant son site-web, portant sur la culture matérielle de la Nouvelle-France, à plusieurs membres du conseil d'administration d'Historica qui l'ont félicité dont L.R. (Red) Wilson, président de la fondation.

Kyle Burrows à la foire.

Je vous encourage tous à consulter le site www.histori.ca. Vous y découvrirez la cyberligne du temps, des jeux interactifs et l'encyclopédie canadienne en ligne (fruit de vingt ans de labeur et de la collaboration de plus de 3800 intervenants). À vous de voyager virtuellement dans le temps et dans l'espace et de devenir des ambassadeurs de l'histoire.

Just For Kids Benefit

On May 1st, 6A and 6B embarked on the Selwyn House bus to the Omni Hotel. We were working for the Just for Kids Foundation, which helps the Montreal Childrens' Hospital raise money for new medical equipment. Jazz Storm was also there to provide the entertainment. Cheryl Cohen and Janice Perlman from the Westmount Chapter of Just for Kids organized our work. Some were selling flowers, some taking photos of the guests, others serving pastries, and giving out gifts. Jason Leopold and I were "seeing the ladies out," which meant saying "thank you very much and have a nice day." Overall, I think the Organization ran a great luncheon and so did Mr. McMillan in organizing the Senior Jazz Band. This event will always stick out in my mind because of the great food!

— Aidan Bourke, 6B

On May 1st, 2001, the boys from Grade 6 did some charity work. We all went to the Omni Hotel to participate in a benefit for The Just for Kids Foundation. This event was hosted by my mother, Cheryl Cohen, and included other women who helped her. We all arrived at the Omni at approximately 8 a.m. My mother showed us around and then we were off to work. We all had jobs at different times. All the women started off in the auction room which held some beautiful paintings and some exquisite furniture and jewelry. Afterwards, the ladies went into the ballroom where the raffle was held and the Senior Jazz Band performed with the choir from ECS. I thought that it was a great experience. We had a great time and we raised over $50,000 that will help the Montreal Children's Hospital get the right machinery.

— Daniel Cohen, 6B

Wassem Haja

This was one of my most interesting and helpful experiences at Selwyn House School since I came here in 1993. My first impressions were how wonderful these ladies were. Every year the Chapter organizes a benefit in famous or outstanding resorts. This year the hostess was Cheryl Cohen and the organizers were also The Just for Kids Foundation – the reason for our going.

—Daniel Knecht, 6B

For this activity, both Grade 6 classes were put on buses and when we finally arrived, we were all placed in a small dining room for explanations and were each assigned two jobs. My job was upstairs greeter, which meant that I had to greet each lady who walked upstairs until 9:30 a.m. I then had a half-hour break for food and drinks and watched a little bit of a movie. My second job was at 10:00 a.m. I was assigned to be a runner, which meant that I would have to ask the ladies if they wanted me to check where their bid was at in the Silent Auction.

Mark Sadaka and Daniel Blanshay

— Justin McLean, 6B

My whole class participated in the fund-raising event for The Just for Kids Foundation at the Omni Hotel. Thirty-six of the students in Grade 6 participated in the event. We were all assigned jobs and specific shifts, and it went like clockwork. Those ladies sure like their coffee in the morning. I was at the coffee table and it was like a busy street. The Just for Kids Foundation collects money for the Montreal Children's Hospital. The event at the Omni Hotel was very well organized. Jazz Storm, a combination of the Senior Jazz band from Selwyn House and the ECS choir, performed. Next year I recommend we do it again.

— Daniel Janusauskas, 6B

On May 1st, the Grade 6 classes of Selwyn House School were invited to go to the Omni Hotel in the morning for The Just for Kids Foundation. The only people allowed there were the ladies. The point of this event was to raise money for new machinery in the hospitals. For this to be possible, we had an auction, sold flowers and many other things. Jazz Storm was also there to entertain the parents. I think it would be a great activity for next year's Grade 6 class. This was a great experience for me because I met new people.

— Rehman Manji, 6B

Expo-Sciences Bell

Par Chantal Simard, professeur de sciences

Le printemps est fantastique et c'est en ce merveilleux moment de l'année que quelques élèves de l'école élémentaire ont participé à la finale régionale à l'élémentaire de l'Expo-sciences Bell. L'événement s'est tenu les 3, 4, et 5 mai derniers. Les participants étaient Stewart Wiseman, Anthony Lowther, Frédéric-André Vennat, Patrick Levy, Vincent-Charles Hodder et Robert Hinrichsen. Ils étaient accompagnés par leurs parents ainsi que par un professeur. Ces garçons ont réchauffé l'atmosphère de l'Aréna Étienne-Desmarteau en partageant avec le grand public les informations scientifiques exposées à leurs kiosques. Cette Expo-sciences est une compétition d'envergure qui rassemble environ 200 élèves de la grande région de Montréal. Les élèves de l'école Selwyn House ont profité de cette occasion pour ajouter quelques pétales à leur fleuron d'honneur. En effet, Frédéric-André Vennat et Patrick Levy ont remporté, grâce à leur projet sur les acides et les bases, le prix de l'Ordre des Chimistes du Québec ainsi que la médaille de bronze de la catégorie 5e année. Robert Hinrichsen, élève de 6e année, a pour sa part remporté la prestigieuse médaille d'or toutes catégories. Tous ont pu remarquer avec quel naturel Robert était parvenu à expliquer le phénomène mystérieux du magnétisme. Ce succès printanier a été l'aboutissement de plusieurs heures de travail et d'effort. Bravo à tous les participants et merci aux parents pour leur indéniable support!

Gauche à droit, Robert Hinrichsen, 6A, Patrick Levy, 5B, et Frédéric-André Vennat, 5B.

Elementary Public Speaking

Brian Lin, 6B, (left) and Gavin Kenneally, 6B, (right) deliver their speeches in the Grade 6 Persuasive Speaking Event, in which two boys from each Grade 6 class were chosen, along with Grade 6 girls from The Study School, to deliver their speeches to the entire Grade 6 classes of Selwyn House and The Study.

SHS Musical Evening

By James F. McMillan, Director of Music

At left, Alex Bussandri of the Senior Jazz Band takes a guitar solo. Right, Jordan Altman of the Grade 7 Jazz Band takes the spotlight on saxophone. Below, from left: trumpeters Jason Lau, Stefan Papich and Samer Sallman of the Grade 6 Concert Band.

On Wednesday, May 9, 2001, 112 musicians from Selwyn House and another 13 from Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School performed at the annual Musical Evening at Selwyn House School.

The concert showcased the School's instrumental music programme, which starts at Grade 5 and 6 with Concert Band, then moves to Jazz Band for Grades 7 through 11.

Over 400 parents and friends attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy the show. The Grade 5 and 6 concert bands played well, but the Grade 6 band's spirited rendition of "The James Bond Theme" was particularly noteworthy.

The Grade 7 and 8 Jazz Bands performed some great blues and jazz standards. The Grade 8 band also played a beautiful arrangement

SHS Musical Evening

Above, Jennifer Chant of ECS in a vocal duet with Maks Knecht, 10A. At right, Joe Stonehouse, 8B, takes a clarinet solo while violinist Anshuman Saksena, 8B, waits his turn. Below, Andrew Medalsy, 8B, on drums with the Grade 8 Jazz Band.

of "The Rose" featuring vocals by Alex Cohen from ECS.

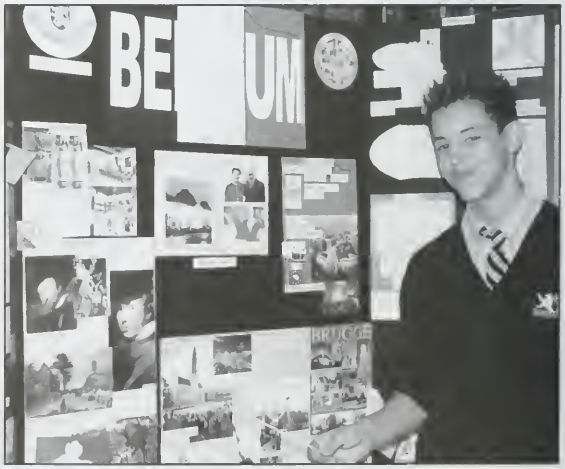
The highlight of the concert was the appearance of Jazz Storm, a jazz group that teams up the ECS Vocal Jazz Ensemble with the SHS Senior Jazz Band. This group has had a very successful year, performing in Italy in March, then winning a Gold Medal at the Montreal JazzFest Competition and then another Gold Medal at the Canadian National MusicFest Competition in Ottawa.

Jazz Storm performed a range of selections featuring many of the musicians and singers. Tom Evans' clarinet solo in "Harlem Nocturne" and Maks Knecht's drum solo in "Sing Sing Sing" were just two of the instrumental high points of the evening.

All the singers and Jazz Band members enjoyed performing that evening; however, for the five graduating students, Rob Anderson, Tom Evans, Phil Menzel, Stojan Stojanovski, and Humberto Tang, it was a special performance to say farewell to Selwyn House.

Selwyn House Fair

The SHS annual School Fair is more than a student event, it is a time for the whole family to share the Selwyn House experience. In the photo at left above, Ryland Diome, 6A, takes in the art exhibits with his mother, Deidre, sister Wáhiakatste and baby brother Raianeráhsta. In the above right photo, Grade 5 classmates Andrej Pavlovic, Theo Kyres, Mark Mettler-Warner, and Jamie Bloomfield, with the help of Theo's sister, Georgette, display their papier maché penguins.



The SHS Fair is also a time to celebrate one's family heritage, as in the two diplays seen here. Above, Chris Wong with an elaborate display on the culture of the People's Republic of China, and, at right, Jonathan Margel, 8A, with his display on Belgium.

SHS Fair

He keeps on talking,
The words flowing out endlessly
And dribbling onto his orange-haired chin...
But between the consuming feeling the sky had
evoked
And the caresses of the evening fiery-pixie air,
I cannot hear his words.
They are too solid, too real, too structured...
They have forms and meanings that are too precise.
So I hear, instead, the
intangible physicalness of silence:
still and
suspended
uncontrollably relaxed,
like
an open
sheet.
being spread
onto a bed,
paralyzed but fluid.
I watch this place with the muted sounds of a Paris
night,
And yet I feel so guilty. Vincent is depressed.
And while he paints these pictures for others to seek
refuge in,
I fear that he has no escape;
It seems as though
there are no
places
in paintings
or vacant
spaces
in poems
for him to run to.
And sometimes there is just too much noise
And looking at him now,
I suddenly remember that in just two years he will
kill himself.

The cold steel bars have locked life out of camp,
Desperation's hostages are all that
Roam my world. Trudging corpses falling to
Their graves, a pile of bone like branches from
A wilted tree. Humanity has fled.

This graveyard has become my concert hall,
My harmonies pierce through the solid smoke,
The lone bright star on a dark and hazy night.
These gentle tunes have armed me against the
Harshest blows, their stunning power reaches
Out to those in need, a lifeline thrown into
A hungry sea. My audience is the
Living dead, clad in stripes until their end,
Their garb, like the surrounding walls, ensures
That life and warmth are left out in the cold.

The above verses are excerpts from "An Escape into Van Gogh," by Luke Reid, 11B, and "The Sound of Life" by Andy Rosenhek, 10B, two of the winning entries in the Senior Illustrated Poetry contest on display at the Fair.

Banquet honours outstanding athletes

Three hundred fifty people sat down to a roast beef dinner in the Lucas gym on May 23 for the presentation of the 2000-2001 Athletic awards. The following students were named as winners.

Trevor Shannon receives the trophy for Senior Athlete of the Year, an honour he shared with Nicolas Zaharia, who was absent from the banquet. Presenting the cup are, from left, Senior School Director Rob Wearing, Old Boys' Association President William Daly, and Headmaster Will Mitchell.

FALL AWARDS 2000

Gr. 7 Football
Coaches – G. Martin, C. Boyle
M.V.P. Defense – David Friedman
M.V.P. Offense – Harry Avrith
M.V.P. Offense – Michael Sutton
M.V.P. Defense – Nathan Vonderau

Bantam Football
Coaches – S. Mitchell, C. Boyle
Best Lineman – Matthew Peris
M.V.P. Offense – Beno Shell-Schnitzer
M.V.P. Offense – Demetrios Manousos
M.V.P. Defense – Ben Meadows
M.V.P. Defense – Jordan Benjamin

Senior Football
Coaches – M. Maurovich, M. Downey, T. Downey
Offensive M.V.P. – Mitchell Sweibel
M.V.P. – Alex Bussandri
Best Linesman – Ed Cho/Rayan Kaedbey
M.V.P. Defense – Youssef Mekhael

Gr. 5 & 6 Soccer
Coach – P. Govan
M.V.P. – Robert Abelson
M.V.P. – Justin McLean

Gr. 7 Soccer
Coach – A. Paoletti
Most Promise – Stefan Luu
M.V.P. – Francesco Sacco

Bantam Soccer
Coach – G. Martin
Most Promise – Paul Tsoukas
Most Improved – Sean Brophy
M.V.P. – William Martin-Chin

Midget Soccer
Coach – P. Govan
M.V.P. Offense – Bissam Haciane
M.V.P. Defense – Geoffrey Dyck

Senior Soccer
Coach – A. Paoletti
M.V.P. – Nicolas Zaharia
M.I.P. – Elias Mantis

Cross-Country Running
Coach – B. Glasspoole
Most Promise – Lindsay MacLean
M.V.P. – Chris Churchill-Smith
M.V.P. – Joshua Wolfe

WINTER AWARDS 2001

Wrestling
Coach – R. Moore
M.V.P. – Alex Hrycyk
Most Promise – Najib Sallman
Most Improved – Nicholas Zaharia
M.V.P. (GMAA) – Andrew Wong

Gr. 5 & 6 Basketball
Coach – M. Boyle, J. Heath
Most Promise – Geoffrey Grover

Basketball
Most Improved – Ramin Mohsenin
M.V.P. – Mark Sadaka
Most Promise – Mark Mettler-Warner

Gr. 7 Basketball
Coach – P. Govan
Most Promise – Sean Grover
M.I.P. – Brendan Munzar
M.V.P. – Philip Clark

Bantam Basketball
Coaches – M. McCarney, T. Shaw
M.V.P. – Jonathan Merritt
M.V.P. – Patrick Kishfy
M.I.P. – Joseph Stonehouse

Midget Basketball
Coach – C. Boyle
Most Improved – Josh Wolfe
M.V.P. – Domenico Brunetti
Best Defensive – Andy Rosenhek

Senior Basketball
Coach – A. Paoletti
M.V.P. – Christopher Nacos
M.V.P. – Christopher Merritt

Gr. 5 & 6 Hockey
Coaches – J. Pruneau, M. Downey
M.V.P. – Max Koenekoop
Most Improved – William MacCulloch
Most Promise – Matthew Vesnaver

Gr. 7 Hockey
Coaches – D. Phillips, G. Martin
M.V.P. Defense – Philip Cutler
Most Improved – Nicholas Thorpe
M.V.P. Offense – Harry Avrith

Bantam Hockey
Coaches – P. Shannon, M. Maurovich
Most Promise – Alexander Kaluza

Athletic Banquet

Members of the Sportsman's Guild, 2001, left to right: Alex Hyrcyk, Scott McMillan, Rob Campbell, Chris Merritt, Thomas Constantinescu, Trevor Shannon, Matthew Hendy, Philip Schaffer, Josh Wolfe, Chris Churchill-Smith, Roberto Brunetti (re-elected), Marc Schwarz, Thomas Hatzithomas (re-elected), Mitchell Sweibel (re-elected), and Domenico Brunetti. Staff members named to the Guild were Robert Moore and Tom Downey. Missing from photo: Nicolas Zaharia (re-elected), Rayan Kaedbey, Faris Karim, and Alex Bussandri.

Most Improved – Matthew Peris
M.V.P. – Demetrios Manousos
M.V.P. – Jaryd Zummer
Senior Hockey
Coaches – Steve Mitchell, Tom Nicoll
Most Promise – Scott McMillan
Most Improved – Thomas Evans
Offense Player of Year – Torrey Mitchell
M.V.P. – Trevor Shannon
M.V.P. – Chris Churchill-Smith
Cross Country Skiing
Coach – Tom Downey
Most Improved – Chris Brun
Most Improved – Geoff Dyck
M.V.P. – Chris Bryson
Curling
Coaches – Bill Badger, Jack Martin
Most Improved –
Jamie Rudolph-Zbarsky
M.V.P. – Keith Martin
Most Promise – Jeff Barkun

SPRING AWARDS 2001

Bantam Tennis
Coaches – A. Lumsden, K. Biggs
Most Promise – Andrew Wong
Most Promise – Jon Lutter-Hoppenheim
M.V.P. – Mike Bowey/
William Martin-Chin
M.V.P. – Sean Brophy
Midget Tennis
M.V.P. – Richard Kwee
Juvenile Tennis
M.V.P. – Stephane Levy
Track & Field
Coach – B. Glasspoole
Most Promise – Geoffrey Dyck
Most Promise – Tom Rigby
M.V.P. – Josh Wolfe
Bantam Rugby
Coaches – M. Boyle, A. Paoletti
Most Promise – Philip Cutler
Most Promise – Harry Avrith
Best Back – Paul Tsoukas
M.V.P. – Justin Moretti-Montpetit

Midget Rugby
Coach – M. Maurovich
Best Forward – Christopher Potter
Best Back – Arnold Engel
Senior Rugby
Coach – P. Govan
Best Forward – Marc Schwarz
Borner Award M.V.P. – Nicolas Zaharia
Coaches' Award – Rayan Kaedbey
Baseball
Coach – S. Mitchell
Most Promise – Casey Auerbach
Most Improved – Hayden Bernstein
Most Improved – Sean Bernstein
M.V.P. – Trevor Shannon
M.V.P. – Mitchell Sweibel
Athlete of the Year, Gr. 7 –
(Cassils Memorial Cup) Harry Avrith
Sr. Athlete of the Year –
(McMaster Trophy)
Trevor Shannon and Nicolas Zaharia
Phys-Ed Award – Jeremy Whitworth
Staff Named to Sportsman's Guild:
Rob Moore & Tom Downey

A strong showing in Halo Race

By Bruce Glasspoole, Cross-Country Coach

Christopher Churchill-Smith, 11B on Mount Royal.

Jack MacCulloch, 4A, leads a pack toward the finish line.

Selwyn House boys put in a good performance at this year's GMAA Halo Race on Mount Royal on May 2, but, due to a technicality, were edged out of medals that were within their grasp.

At the Juvenile level, Christopher Merritt and Chris Churchill-Smith would have each brought home medals had it not been for this unfortunate turn of events.

Josh Wolfe impressed everyone by completing the four-kilometre course in twelve minutes, a full two minutes ahead of the next runner. Josh has had a great year, recently posting an 800-metre time that unofficially breaks the all-time GMAA record at the Midget level.

In the Midget event, Lindsay MacLean came in 6th, Tom Rigby 8th, Geoff Dyck 10th and Davide Rinaldi 16th.

In the Bantam race, Jon Merritt was nosed out of first place, with Alex Browman 6th and Justin Ivaskiv 7th.

RESULTS:

Gr. 3's	
Jamie Koenekoop	6th
Yasin Cissé	7th
James Menzies	8th
Frédéric Pfünd	9th
Josh Koenekoop	11th
Gr. 4's	
Marc Heron	3rd
Christopher Day	4th
Geoffrey Matheson	4th
Michael Bibeau	5th
Philippe Garneau-Halliday	7th
Gr. 5A's	
Alex Vit	8th
Gr. 5B's	
Max Koenekoop	2nd
Geoffrey Grover	4th
Frédéric Vennat	7th
Gr. 6's	
Robert Abelson	3rd
Jason Lau	8th
Jason Leopold	9th
Bantam Boys:	
Jonathan Merritt	2nd
Philip Cutler	5th
Alex Browman	6th
Justin Ivaskiv	7th
Midget Boys:	
Josh Wolfe 1st (by 2 mins.)	
Lindsay MacLean	6th
Tom Rigby	8th
Geoff Dyck	10th

GOLF

Keith Martin, 10A, hit a hole-in-one on May 27, with a 135-yard nine-iron drive on the sixth hole in a weekend game at Knowlton.

Good year on the courts

By Andrew Lumsden, Tennis Coach

This was a successful year for Selwyn House tennis, as we won our own singles tournament, the GMAA Bantam championship and won silver team medals in both Midget and Juvenile categories at the GMAA tournament.

On May 2, we again played host at our own invitational singles tournament. The field included teams from Ashbury, BCS, LCC, and Northwood (Lake Placid). Richard Kwee, Stephane Levy, Adrian Gaty, and Robert Kwee represented Selwyn House, winning 17 out of 20 matches in the round-robin format. This is the second time in just over ten years that we have won our own tournament.

Above, GMAA Juvenile Silver Medalists. From left: Chris Nacos, Stephane Levy, Andrew Cleland, Rob Kwee, Adrian Gaty, and Tom Constantinescu.
Below, Midget Silver Medalists Michael Grover, Matthew Firestone, Andrew Hodhod, Keith Martin, Richard Kwee, and Nick Tory.

At Rockland Sport on Friday, May 18, our Bantam team emerged from the matches in the top spot at the end of the day. Will Molson and Sean Brophy were entered in singles. Sean placed fourth in that, and our two doubles teams squared off in the final, with Andrew April and Jonathan Lutter-Hoppenheim edging Michael Bowey and William Martin-Chin. The championship is decided on the basis of total matches won in both round-robin play and in the elimination rounds.

Both singles players and doubles teams advanced to the elimination rounds in Midget play. Richard Kwee won the singles title and Nick Tory and Keith Martin placed fourth in doubles. Andrew Hodhod, Michael Grover and Matthew Firestone also contributed to give us the Team Silver.

Finally, in Juvenile play, Stephane Levy and Adrian Gaty played several close, tough matches each, to put us in the running for team honours. Stephane won the Bronze in a very competitive field of players. In doubles, Andrew Cleland and Chris Nacos advanced to the elimination round, as did Thomas Constantinescu and Robert Kwee. Thomas and Robert won the Silver, helping us to gain enough points for the Team Silver.

Coach Kathi Biggs and I are very pleased with these results, and we are equally proud of the deportment of our players in competition, and during the tryouts at Nuns' Island.

WRESTLING

As a result of wrestling tryouts at Kahnawake Survival School on May 12, Andrew Wong, 11B, made the Quebec team for the Canada Games. Andrew will represent the province in the 81-kilogram class in London, Ontario in August.

Summertime Reading

By Virginia Ferguson, Head Librarian

Hello again, Selwyn House community! Welcome, at last, to the glories of summer. As I write this, I am preparing to board a plane tomorrow morning to fly to California to take up a high season position as Coordinator of the Valley Volunteers for the Yosemite Association, the Congressionally designated cooperating agency in Yosemite National Park. This auxiliary is in charge of raising funds via membership dues to support educational programming. This would include activities such as Ranger Internships for college students, publication of a serious natural history quarterly for the membership, support and staffing of the natural history bookstores within the Park, the Junior Ranger Program and Nature Center, the historic Yosemite Theatre Program, the collections budget of the Research Library and the supervision of the oil painting gallery in the Yosemite Museum. All of these activities are carried out by a group of 8,000 volunteers, all of whom do this because they love Yosemite National Park.

Teachers Ted Shaw and Matt McCarney look on while Librarian Virginia Ferguson cuts the cake marking the end of her school year.

I am able to do this because I have decided to take advantage of a progressive retirement plan. Naturally, I have made this decision with the help and co-operation of the School. It will allow me to stay on at a place I love, while also embarking on the Yosemite Association Volunteer Programme.

Progressive retirement allows me to work full-time in the Library of Selwyn House for seventy per cent of the year, from October 1 to April 30, then spend the balance of the year working in Yosemite as a volunteer. My thanks to my assistants, Lorayne Winn and Susan Lord, as well as Lita Barrie, a recent MLIS graduate from McGill University, for their support in covering for my absence. It means, for instance, that I shall be able to see the library settled in its new facilities in the new building before I retire.

New assistant in the SHS library, Lita Barrie

And now on to what I would love to have you read over the summer! New to our collection at the Elementary level is a wonderful re-telling by Odds Bodkin of the old classic Japanese tale of *The Crane Wife*. This lovely book tells a sad story of love defeated by greed, an old lesson needing to be re-learned regularly. It is also a fine example of a story perfect for telling, if you are interested in exploring that art.

At a Middle School level we have a new study of *Oak Island and its Lost Treasure* by Graham Harris. Summer and holidays in the country would provide a very appropriate background for such a mysterious story of pirates and ill-gotten gains.

At a Senior level, Witold Rybczynski's *One Good Turn* is an elegant and highly illuminating new book commissioned by the *New York Times*, whose editors asked Rybczynski to write an essay identifying "the best tool of the millennium." What we have, then, is a history of the screwdriver and the screw. This would be a very special gift for the son or father always buried in the most recent edition of the *Lee Valley Tool Catalogue*.

Our final selection is a recommendation by both Ms. Biggs and the Library Staff: Margaret Somerville's careful discussion of science, society and the human spirit, *The Ethical Canary*. The book poses questions such as, "Should scientists be prohibited from altering the DNA that we pass on to our children?" A very provocative book, and full of thorns. Just right for expanding your thoughts, and perfect for exercising your brain.

And, of course, read *The New Yorker* as regularly as you would drink tonic. Keep yourselves well and happy until we meet again on-line.

All the best.

Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

On June 5, 2001, volunteer parents of the School attended the first-ever PVA Appreciation Breakfast which was held in honour of all the School's parent volunteers. This occasion will become an annual event to thank parents for their efforts.

The Lucas Gym was transformed into a lovely café with a special buffet breakfast prepared by the Kitchen staff. The room was decorated with a "Thank-you" mural, which included self-portrait sketches done by all of the students in the Elementary School. Following the Annual General Meeting of the PVA at which the outgoing and incoming coordinators were announced, students from the Elementary School presented a yellow rose to each of the hard-working volunteers.

Outgoing PVA executive. From left: Judy Martin, Susan Einhorn, Karma Hallward, Rosemary Niro, Nori Churchill-Smith, Nadine Tsoukas, Linda Rosenthal (representing Parent Support), Maria Zammit. Absent: Leslie Frankel and Najwa Sallman.

William Mitchell, Headmaster, and Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, thanked outgoing Chair Nori Churchill-Smith for her organization and good sense of judgment. The PVA executive took great care in organizing bylaws for this association so that new volunteers will have a clear idea of what the goals of the PVA are and a clear understanding of how to achieve them through volunteer involvement at the School.

The following is an excerpt taken from Nori Churchill-Smith's speech that morning:

"The end of this school year marks the completion of the second year of the Parent Volunteer Association, and the end of my term as Chair. I would like to thank the Coordinators of our committees of the last two years for their leadership and constant motivation.

"Thank you to: Karma Hallward and Rosemary Niro (Class Parents), Susan Einhorn (Community Service), Sandy Martz (Fall Event), Leslie Frankel (Parent Support and PVA Treasurer), Nadine Tsoukas and Maria Zammit (Social and Public Relations), Judy Martin (Staff Support), Micki Morton (Gryphon Sale), Najwa Sallman (Recording Secretary), and Marilyn Elkin and Joanne Henderson (The Argyle Shop).

"Much of our work could not be done without the help of the Faculty and Staff of Selwyn House and to them we are most grateful.

"We appreciate our parent volunteers' dedication, enthusiasm and abundant energy. No matter how much time you have given, your collective efforts have helped the School enormously and have added to the SHS community spirit.

"In closing, thank you all once again for all that you have done to make this Parent Volunteer Association possible and for giving me the opportunity to serve as Chair. It has been a real pleasure. I wish you a happy and restful summer and a productive new school year."

PVA Executive for 2001-2002

Chair: Judy Martin
Treasurer: Rosemary Niro
The Argyle Shop
Barb Molson
Class Parents
Sheri Diemer and Nanci Moretti-Montpetit
Community Service
Nora Burnier and Beverly Rudolph-Zbarsky
The Fall Event
Sandy Martz and Alison Matheson
The Gryphon Sale
Micki Morton
Parent Support
Judi Fish-Levitt and Andrea McConnell
Social and Public Relations
Styvia Kyres
Staff Support
Venetia Eisenhauer and Rhonda Koenekoop

Congratulations to

the Class of 2001